TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

Friday the, 7th August 1925.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty of the clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Malakattukulam Reservoir.

44. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken in regard to the scheme of Malakattukulam reservoir near Aramboly ?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the scheme, if carried out, will enable about 10,000 acres of dry land being converted into wet land ?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to work the scheme as far as possible ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The proposal has to be investigated in detail to ascertain the need for the reservoir referred to. The irrigation tanks in the valley are being improved at present and the investigation concerning the reservoir will be taken up after the results of the improvements to these tanks are known.

(*b*) At the nineteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, it was represented that about 7,000 acres would be benefited.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*).

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the Government whether Mr. Horsley, a former Engineer, did not find the desirability of having a reservoir at Aramboly ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not available just now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there not a special section located at Tovala for investigating all the original works there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the member be pleased to let me know the yearly allotment for the improvement of tanks by the side of this intended reservoir?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Opening of a drainage channel for the Punja Cultivators of Vettiyar in the Mavelikara Taluk.

45. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the frequent petitions sent by the owners of paddy fields in Peruveli *punja* in Vettiyar, Mavelikara taluk, about the heavy losses suffered by them for want of a proper drainage channel leading to the neighbouring river?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to order the channel prayed for to be cut before the next *punja* cultivation or as early as practicable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Provision has been made in the Preliminary Budget for 1101 for the diversion of the Vettiyar Channel, in item No. 218, Part II - New Works.

(*b*) The work will be taken up after an estimate is prepared and sanctioned, provided the Council approve the provision in the budget.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government kindly state whether the provision will be sufficient for finishing the work or for only a part of it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The amount provided for the purpose, in the budget for 1101, is Rs. 1,500. I cannot say whether that would be sufficient for finishing the work.

Reconstruction of a Bridge across the Kayankulam Canal near Pathiyur Temple.

46. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that a bridge on the village road leading from Keerikad, Pathiyur, etc. to Mavelikara over the Kayankulam canal to the east of the Pathiyur temple has been in ruins for several years past, and that only a few of the iron pillars of the bridge are left standing at present?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to have the bridge reconstructed for cart traffic as early as practicable so that the danger and the inconvenience to the people may be removed?

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